

basketball, and baseball. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in geology from the University of Alabama. He served in the U.S. Army and Army Reserves from 1958 until 1963 and in the Alabama Army National Guard's 156th Military Police Battalion from 1963 until he retired with the rank of captain in 1972. In 1963, he graduated from the University of Alabama School of Law and, just three years later, was elected to the Alabama Senate and served two terms until 1974.

Sen. Lindsey returned to the Alabama Senate in 1990 and was reelected in 1994, 1998, 2002, and 2006. He was a longtime member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and was well known for questioning his fellow lawmakers on how their bills would affect everyday people. With his background in geology, Sen. Lindsey was regarded by his colleagues as an expert on oil and natural gas exploration and was often sought out by his colleagues for his advice on related legislation.

Described by the Choctaw Sun-Advocate as a "champion of education," Sen. Lindsey was well-known for his "staunch support, both financial and otherwise, of K-12 and the college level education." He played a key role in securing funds for the construction of the library and adult education center at Alabama Southern Community College in Gilbertown. At the opening of the W.H. "Pat" Lindsey Library and Adult Education Community Center in March of 2005, Sen. Lindsey told the crowd, "There are two things that I have a passion for: kids playing ball and libraries. I've had other things named for me in other places, but this means more because this is home."

Beginning in 1993, Sen. Lindsey served for 12 years on the board of trustees of the University of South Alabama and, in that capacity, he was instrumental in helping to improve the university's academic and healthcare missions. He was a member of the Alabama Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Choctaw County Chamber of Commerce, and the University of Alabama Alumni Association. Sen. Lindsey had also represented both the Choctaw County Commission and the town of Butler as chief legal counsel since 1965.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout Alabama. Senator W.H. "Pat" Lindsey will be dearly missed by his family—his son, Patrick Lindsey; his daughter, Lori Champion and her husband Jamey; his sister, Kay Kimbrough; and his two grandchildren, Kate and Sophie—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them all during this difficult time.

CREATING AWARENESS ABOUT HEART DISEASE

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 13, 2009

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, In an effort to create awareness about an issue that hits close to home, I want to share with you that February 7-14th is National Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week.

It is a little known fact that the number of children affected by heart disease is higher

than those affected by Autism or Down Syndrome. According to the March of Dimes, congenital heart defect is the number one birth defect. In the U.S. alone, more than 25,000 babies are born each year with a defect, many of which are undetected and life threatening.

Chances are that you or someone you know, including my family, has been affected by a similar circumstance. Although it is a difficult and fearful process, there are a lot of families in our community who have been through it and are willing to offer their support. In South Florida, we are fortunate to have the Holtz Children's Hospital, where our son Cristian was treated for a serious heart condition, among other incredible hospitals. While good medical care is critical, it is also important to have a strong support group. Hospitals often offer guidance in getting families in touch, and there is also the Angel's Pediatric Heart House, which focuses on helping the entire family cope with the diagnosis. Families affected by heart disease do not have to feel alone, because they are not.

OREGON'S NATIVE AMERICANS DURING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF OREGON

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 13, 2009

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, on February 14, 2009 we will mark the 150th anniversary of Oregon's admission to the Union. We have much to reflect upon and celebrate since Oregon became the 33rd state. As we commemorate this occasion, I would like to highlight the role of Indian tribes in Oregon.

We must not forget the original inhabitants of what we now call Oregon. Native Americans have been living in this region for well over 12,000 years. During this time tribes developed strong cultures and economies, many of which were well documented first via oral histories, and later by white settlers. Many of the tribes were formally recognized by the United States when treaties were signed in 1855, four years before Oregon became a state.

We must not attempt to overlook the loss of lives, culture, and well-being that tribes have experienced during the last several hundred years. However, what we can do, and must do, is remember and celebrate the first Oregonians; their history before Oregon; and their cultural, economic, and political contributions during the last 150 years.

Nine federally recognized tribes exist in Oregon. Each tribe has its own history that is interwoven with the history of Oregon. Today many tribes are experiencing economic development and cultural revitalization through self-determination. For others, more work needs to be done. Poverty in Indian country continues to be greater than in the rest of the United States. But as we move into the next 150 years of Oregon's history, it is my hope that the federal government, the state of Oregon, and the tribes can work together to improve the lives of tribal members and others in their communities.

So on the occasion of Oregon's sesquicentennial, I recognize the Indian tribes for their historical, cultural, political, and economic contributions to the state of Oregon.

CONGRATULATING GEORGE WERNETH ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM MOBILE'S PRESS-REGISTER

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 13, 2009

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with both pride and pleasure that I rise today to honor George Werneth on the occasion of his retirement from Mobile's Press-Register.

Over the course of his career, George has played an influential role in honoring the service and actions of our nation's servicemen and women. After nearly four decades of reporting issues ranging from maritime operations to military news, George has become the trusted voice for the news of Alabama's veterans.

In honor of his efforts, George was recently made an honorary member of the Marine Corps League at the American Legion Post 88 in Mobile. One of George's latest accomplishments was a series of stories he wrote profiling a veteran from Eight Mile, Alabama, who struggled to receive disability care after having been "waterboarded" in a 1975 Navy survival course. Due in large part to George's spotlight highlighting the oversight, the veteran soon received his benefits.

Madam Speaker, George Werneth's distinguished career in journalism has provided a great service to the people of southwest Alabama, and I know his colleagues, family, and friends join with me in praising him for his years of hard work.

George will surely enjoy the well deserved time he now has to spend with family and loved ones. On behalf of a grateful community, I wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED, AND UNREGU- LATED FISHING ENFORCEMENT ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2009

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 13, 2009

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, today I have introduced a bill to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing. The difficulties of managing fish stocks that migrate across political boundaries are exacerbated by the increased fishing power now available as a result of modern technology. While the United States is recognized for its commitment to domestic fisheries conservation and as an international voice in science-based ocean conservation, the failure of other nations to adopt similar approaches has both economic and conservation implications for U.S. industry and management. Additional action is needed from Congress if we are to be successful in combating IUU fishing and the depletion of fish stocks worldwide.

Recent reports have documented that IUU fishing accounts for between 11 and 19 percent of the reported global fish catch, or \$10-25 billion in gross revenues each year (MRAG, 2005, Sumaila et al., 2006 and

Agnew et al., 2008). This undermines the United States' conservation focused approach to fisheries management and the efforts of its fishermen, and has implications for sustainable international fisheries that benefit the world's marine ecosystems. Unsustainable fishing practices by foreign fishing fleets adversely affect stocks that migrate between the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and the high seas. This problem can be particularly acute in places like Guam, where the EEZ is vast, and where the United States Coast Guard, despite its best efforts, will never have sufficient resources to patrol all of our waters.

There are many ways to address the issue of IUU fishing, including depriving fishers of the economic benefits of illegal fishing, increasing leverage on nations to effectively monitor and control their fishing vessels, and building capacity for enforcement and good governance in developing countries, all of which were addressed with the 2006 reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). The January 13th release of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) biennial report to Congress of identified IUU nations was a positive first step in addressing IUU fishing. Notwithstanding these and other efforts by NOAA, the Department of State, and the United States Coast Guard, further enforcement authorities could enhance the ability of these agencies to address IUU fishing.

The "Illegal, Unreported, Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2009", which I have introduced today, will further enhance the enforcement authority of NOAA and the United States Coast Guard to regulate IUU fishing. This bill would amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act (HSDFMFA) and other international and regional fishery management organization (RFMO) agreements to incorporate in them the civil penalties, permit sanctions, criminal offenses, civil forfeitures and enforcement sections of the MSA. It would also strengthen the enforcement authority of NOAA and the United States Coast Guard to inspect conveyances, facilities, and records involving the storage, processing, transport and trade of fish and fish products, and to detain fish and fish products for up to five days while an investigation is ongoing.

In addition, this bill makes technical adjustments to allow NOAA to more effectively carry out current IUU identification mandates, including extending the duration of time of identification of violators from the preceding two years to the preceding three years. This bill also broadens data sharing authority to enable NOAA to share information with foreign governments and to clarify that all information it collects may be shared with international organizations and foreign governments, particularly for the purposes of conducting enforcement. These amendments promote the conservation and sound management of fish stocks internationally and in a manner that is consistent with the expectations placed on U.S. fishermen.

Finally, this bill would establish an international cooperation and assistance program to provide funding and technical expertise to other nations to help them address IUU fishing. It authorizes \$5 million annually from 2010 to 2015 to carry out this program oriented towards establishing a coordinated and effective global system to combat IUU fishing.

IUU fishermen are "free riders" who benefit unfairly from the sacrifices made by U.S. fishermen and others for the sake of proper fisheries conservation and management. I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to advance this important bill through the legislative process.

HONORING RALPH GRANT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 13, 2009

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Mr. Ralph Grant. An Oakland icon, loving father, husband, friend, and compassionate soul, he will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Ralph passed away on February 2, 2009.

Ralph was my accountant but, more importantly, he was my friend; he was my brother. Like many, I could totally trust him with my private business and I benefitted from his "tough love." As his client, he gave me solid advice on my personal matters. My former company, the W.C. Parish Co., Inc., survived many ups and downs thanks to Ralph's genius, his patience and his wise counsel.

Mr. Grant was a graduate of McClymonds High School in Oakland, CA. His educational experiences included earning both his Bachelor of Arts (Accounting) and Masters of Business Administration (MBA) degrees from San Francisco State University, and his Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD) degree from Golden Gate University.

Mr. Grant's professional accomplishments are extremely impressive and span the areas of law, accounting, taxation, investment banking, real estate, and professorship. Mr. Grant was a J.D. as well as a CPA. He founded Grant & Smith, LLP, a certified public accounting and management consulting firm, located in Oakland, California which has serviced the San Francisco Bay Area for over thirty years.

Prior to establishing Grant & Smith, LLP, Mr. Grant's professional experiences included five years as an Internal Revenue Service Agent with the United States Treasury Department, and three years as an instructor in taxation and small business management at San Francisco State University. He was also a real estate broker, an officer of RVS Realty & Mortgage Corporation, and a member of RVS Investment Advisors of California, LLC, a registered investment advisory firm.

Mr. Grant was licensed with the California State Bar, the California State Board of Accountancy, the Supreme Court of the State of California, the United States Tax Court, California Department of Insurance, and the California Department of Real Estate. Mr. Grant also passed the Series 7 and 66 examinations.

Mr. Grant's organizational affiliations included memberships with the National Association of Black Accountants, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, California Society of Certified Public Accountants and Charles Houston Bar Association. Mr. Grant was elected to and served as the 2004–2005 Western Region Representative and San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Director for the National Association of Black Accountants Division of Firms.

With all of these professional accomplishments, Mr. Grant's deep commitment to the community was unparalleled. Mr. Grant was a philanthropist who cared deeply about youth and education. He regularly provided volunteer services as a board member to entrepreneurial and youth focused not-for profit organizations such as the Marcus Foster Educational Institute, Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce, Eddie Walker Memorial Scholarship Fund, Donald McCullum Youth Court and the Oakland Private Industry Council. With all of these activities, one of Mr. Grant's favorite pursuits was coaching in the Oakland Metropolitan Babe Ruth Baseball League, and he often joked that this occupied his "spare time."

Several years ago I had the opportunity to work with Ralph to take the team to Cuba. My official duties prevented me from going, but Ralph and I enjoyed many conversations about his experience in Cuba. He was truly a Renaissance man who had dreams and worked to make them come true.

Ralph showed us how to live life to its fullest and he showed us how to die with dignity and with grace. For that we are deeply grateful. Although we will miss him in our daily lives, his spirit will be kept alive by embracing his mantle of service, mentorship, strength, commitment and compassion.

Today, California's 9th Congressional District salutes Ralph Grant, honoring his incredible life and inspiring legacy. We thank his family for sharing this amazing human being with us, especially his wife, Gloria Grant, his two children, Casey Grant and Kimberley Henderson, his son-in-law Lee Henderson, and a host of additional family members and friends. May the Grace of God reassure his family that his soul is resting in eternal peace.

TRIBUTE ON THE 100TH YEAR PASSING OF GOYATHLAY

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 13, 2009

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th year passing of Goyathlay.

Goyathlay or Goyaalé, also known as Geronimo, was a Chiricahua Apache leader that leader that led the Apache people through some of the roughest times they would experience.

Goyathlay is a strong figure in the history of the Apache people. He was considered by many a great spiritual and intellectual leader and is recognized throughout the country as a military leader during the late 1800s.

On this anniversary Apache Tribes from Arizona, New Mexico, and Oklahoma will join in San Carlos, Arizona to begin a healing process.

Next week's gathering will be a search for answers for some and a healing for others.

For all present it will be a reflection of what the Apache people endured and the strength that lies within them. The Apache have overcome great adversity, but they are strong as a culture, as a people and in what their future holds.

The Apache people are working to connect families, tribal members, and communities that were separated while Goyathlay was alive.